

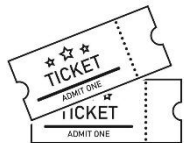


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Thursday 12th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Inspire Dance Show 2026 - Tickets**



Children who are taking part in the **Inspire Dance Show 2026** at Biddulph High School on **Wednesday 25th March 2026** can now have tickets purchased through our school office. Tickets cost **£6 each (cash only)** and are available **for parents and carers of performers only**, with a maximum of **2 tickets per family**. Tickets must be purchased by **Wednesday 18th March 2026**. Thank you for your support—we look forward to a fantastic event!



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✿ Fantastic Fairtrade News! ✿



We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news with our Squirrel Hayes community! Our school's submission to the **Annual Biddulph Schools' Fairtrade Poster Competition** has been **judged the winning entry!** This is a tremendous achievement, and we are incredibly proud of the children who worked so thoughtfully and creatively on their poster. The **Biddulph Fairtrade Town Group** have kindly been in touch to say that our pupils have won the **much-coveted Fairtrade Shield**. They will be visiting school **early in the summer term** to officially present the award, once the shield has been engraved. We will share the exact date with families as soon as it is confirmed. Gillian Reynolds, Honorary Secretary of the Biddulph Fairtrade Town Group, has passed on a **BIG "well done"** to all the children involved—and we couldn't agree more! **Well done, everyone!**



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**Educational Visit - Bernard's Farm (Reception & Hydra Class) - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



This term children in Reception & Hydra Classes will have the opportunity to enhance their learning with an educational visit to **Bernard's Farm**. This will take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**; learners will need to arrive in school at 8:45am for a prompt 9:30am set off. We will return to school at approximately 3:00pm. In order to support the school's budget for learning outside of the classroom, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£5.00** to be paid via ParentPay.

The children will need to be wearing their **Squirrel Hayes school uniform jumper** so they are easily identifiable and **warm tracksuit jogging bottoms**. **Warm coats, waterproof clothing and wellington boots** are required all year round on a working farm, as well as **gloves/hats** in winter. Please wear suitable footwear for travelling in, and bring a pair of **wellington boots** in a **named carrier bag** so that they can be worn during the farm visit. Bernard's Farm does have PPE that will be worn, but cannot provide waterproofs and wellingtons.

**Red Nose Day (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March) - Get Quizzical Challenges!**



Get quizzical

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will be fundraising for 'Red Nose Day' by getting 'Quizzical'. We will be inviting our learners to 'Think you Nose it all!' and test their knowledge through fun team quizzes. Donations can be made through the following link.

Just giving page for Squirrel Hayes First School - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-squirrel-hayes-first-school>

**Edwards and Ward Catering Firm Update**



Unfortunately, we have been made aware that the catering company that provides lunches for the school is due to increase their meal prices due to cost pressures. See below:

Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 school meal prices will increase from £3.20 to £3.25 this change will not come into effect until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

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**Leavers Hoodies 2026**



We're excited to announce that **Smart School Uniform** will once again be supplying this year's **Leavers Hoodies for the Class of 2026!**

These hoodies are a fantastic way to celebrate your time at school and create a lasting memory with your classmates.

**Price:** £18.50 + optional £3.50 if name on front of hoodie

**How to Order:** Visit the Smart School Uniform website using the link below.

<https://smartuniform.co.uk/product/squirrel-hayes-leavers-hoodies/>

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL SQUIRREL HAYES LEAVERS HOODIE ORDERS ARE PLACED BY 20/03/26  
 ALL ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGE TO YOUR SCHOOL ON 30/04/26**

**Easter Bonnet & Fun Day Celebrations**



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding an Easter Fun Day in school from 11:20am onwards. We will be inviting Parents/Carers to join your child/children in a number of fun Easter themed activities. The event will commence with our 'Easter Bonnet Parade & Craft Exhibition' followed by an 'Picnic lunch with families'. In the afternoon we will be putting on Parent/Child Easter craft activities followed by a Fundraising activity with the Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and, Tombola and Easter Raffle.

More details will be shared in a separate letter.

**Important Diary Updates**



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Spring Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible.

Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	All classes
Week beg 16 <sup>th</sup> March	INSPIRE Dance - rehearsal and show	Dancers involved
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 1:00pm	Visiting James Bateman Junior High School to watch their School Performance	Year 4 learners

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Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet & Easter Fund Day - Times & details to follow	All classes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - Lets get Quizzical Challenges	All classes
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> March 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governing Body
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Educational Visit to Bernard's Farm	Reception Class & Hydra

Yours sincerely, Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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**SPORTS COACHING**

# Spring into ACTION

MULTI-SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUBS

**31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** **FREE HAF SPACES**

**MOVE** **PLAY** **EXPLORE**

**BOOK HERE**  
 FOR THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FREE HAF SPACE, IT'S ONLY £12 PER SESSION

**DETAILS**

- BIDDULPH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ZONE
- 9:30AM - 1:30PM
- FREE HOT LUNCH INCLUDED IN HAF BOOKINGS

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS AND TAX FREE SCHEME ACCEPTED | SPORTS | DANCE | BASKETBALL | FOOTBALL | POOL | THEME DAYS | EASTER CRAFTS AND MORE...

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD** | **Staffordshire County Council** | **Ofsted Registered**

**The Zone** Biddulph Youth & Community Zone | **SPORTS COACHING GROUP**

# SPRING INTO ACTION

**EASTER MULTI-SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUB**

FIFA TOURNAMENTS | POOL COMPETITIONS | 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL | DANCE | CRAFTS | CRICKET | BASKETBALL | FOOD AND MORE...

**FREE HAF SPACES**

**WHEN**  
 FOR TEENS AGED 11 - 16 YEARS OLD | 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April | 1:30PM TO 3:30PM

**BIDDULPH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ZONE**

**SCAN TO BOOK:**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD** | **Ofsted Registered** | **Staffordshire County Council**

**MORE INFO AT** | 01270 449770 | [sportscachinggroup.co.uk](http://sportscachinggroup.co.uk)

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